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EXPANSION OF INSURANCE COVERAGE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government for expansion of insurance coverage in rural areas through cooperatives; and

(b) the number of persons/groups likely to be benefited through insurance coverage in rural areas ofthe country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a)&(b): The steps taken by Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority(IRDA) for expansion of insurance coverage, inter-alia,include launching of an awareness campaign through All India Radio and Doordarshan, tie-up arrangements with co-operatives for bringing more rural people under insurance coverage, permitting the co-operatives to earn commission/ referral fees on the insurance business procured by them, encouraging NGOs and e-choupals to sell insurance products in the rural markets etc. The details of premium underwritten by the life and non-life insurers in rural areas upto February 2005,as furnished by IRDA,is given below:

Insurers	Premium (in Rs.crs.)	No of Policies	Premium ruralsector (in Rs.crs.)	Policies rural sector	%age premium ruralsector	%age policies ruralsector
Life	17262	18728562	1459	4067225	8.45	21.72
Non-life	15841	45998134	1041	4288558	6.57	9.32